



Karl, Kristan and Kristofer Thiemes

Tundra Transmitter



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Ministry News

KAGV

KAGV, 1110AM in Big Lake is doing well with remote operation. This month, Karl took a week long trip back to KAGV to host an inspection.

This alternate FCC inspection is designed to help us become better broadcasters by providing us with a trained and knowledgeable expert. This expert inspects our facility, broadcast equipment, and procedures to ensure we are abiding by the FCC regulations.



Praise God with us that KAGV passed the inspection and was certified complaint for another three years! Also, we are grateful to God for the wonderful volunteers (Mike, Carol, Darren, Dave, and Chris) that He has provided in the Big Lake area to help us keep things going. It is definitely a team effort.

An unexpected praise is that Karl was able to spend some time with the

inspector and learn more about some technical aspects of radio broadcasting.

While the inspection was Karl's main purpose for returning to Big Lake, He was also able to do some maintenance on the mission owned F-250 truck. During Karl's use of the truck for transportation, it was evident that it needed a "brake job". Brake shoes and cylinders were replaced and the pickup was once again road worthy.



KYKD

Things in Bethel have been progressing as well. While Karl was in Big Lake hosting the alternate FCC inspection, Kristan and Kristofer held down the radio fort by keeping both KYKD and KAGV running. Recording weather forecasts, monitoring transmission signals, and doing a bit of live and recorded radio announcing was definitely a full-plate for the two of them, but they (especially Kristan) enjoyed the challenge and was grateful for Karl's return to Bethel.

As KYKD's alternate FCC inspection is currently scheduled for Monday, August 3, Karl and Kristan are now in preparation mode at KYKD.



KIAM

Praise God with us that the two radio stations in Nenana, KIAM 630AM and KIAM 91.9FM also passed their alternate FCC inspections this month. We are grateful to be able to serve with the Blair Family and the Migra Family.

TRANSLATORS

As of last week, the radio translators across the state seem to be doing well. While it is clear that 14 out of the 17 translators or radio repeaters are broadcasting 24/7, there are three villages where communication is challenging and the exact status of the radio broadcast is unknown.



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- I(We) would like my(our) church to support the Thiemes, please send me(us) more information

Personal Update

Life in Bethel is treating us well as we have been here for nearly 10 weeks. This month, we have been blessed with extended family visits.



Kristan's mom was able to spend a short weekend in Bethel while on a business trip to Anchorage and Fairbanks.

On the return trip from Big Lake, Karl's dad (a.k.a. Grampy) was able to join Karl on the flight from Anchorage to Bethel. A week later, Karl's mom (a.k.a. Grammy) flew in for a mini Thieme family reunion.



From planting vegetable starts, to swinging at the park, enjoying bubble blowing, building couch-cushion forts, and boat rides on the Kuskokwim river, Kristofer is elated with all of the grandparent attention.

Our house in Houston/Big Lake is doing well as Karl was able to use it during his stay. While we still have the flooring to finish in the basement and

small trim and molding work to complete, it is nice to almost be finished with construction.



Thank you for the opportunity that you are providing us to serve our Lord and Savior full-time. It is by your prayers and financial support that God is using us to help provide Christian radio for Native and Rural Alaskans.

PRAISE & PRAYERS

We have many things to be thankful for in our lives and in this ministry. Please join us in praising God for his faithfulness in the following areas:

- 1) Passed FCC alternate inspections at KAGV, KIAM-AM, and KIAM-FM
- 2) Continued broadcast of biblical teaching and music via translators across the state
- 3) Safe travel for Karl and extended family members to and from Bethel

Please also join us in praying for God's answers to some of our challenges.

- 1) Communication in the translator villages of Ambler, Grayling, and Sand Point
- 2) Financial needs across the ministry as well as within our family
- 3) Additional Missionary families called to serve with VFCM here in Alaska

Monthly Support Goals

	Finance	Prayer Partners	Number of Prayers
Goals	\$3268	50	150
Current	\$2196 (67%)	53 (106%)	414 (276%)
Still Needed	\$1072	Goal Met	Goal Met

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